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Listing and Amendments to the Claims

Please rewrite claims 1-13 as indicated:

1. (Currently Amended) Method for determining the format of an optical recording medium (4) comprising one or more sessions, each session comprising a table of contents (TOC) and one or more tracks, the method comprising the steps of:

- reading (401) the table of contents (TOC) of a first session of the recording medium (4);
- checking (102, 103, 32) whether more than one track is present in the first session and/or whether at least one track is indicated as being an audio track in the table of contents (TOC); and
- determining (104, 36) the format of the recording medium (4) to be audio if at least one of the checking steps (102, 103, 32) yields a positive result, and determining (105, 35) the format to be data else.

2. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

- checking (107, 40) whether the recording medium (4) comprises more than one session;
- performing said steps of checking (102, 103, 32) for the number of tracks and/or audio tracks and said determining steps (104, 36, 105, 35) only if the recording medium (4) comprises more than one session; and
- relying on the original information contained in the table of contents (TOC) for determining (108) the format of the recording medium (4) else.

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3. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 2, further comprising the step of enabling a user to force said steps of checking ~~(102, 103, 32)~~ for the number of tracks and/or audio tracks and said determining steps ~~(104, 36, 105, 35)~~ independently of the result of the step ~~(107, 40)~~ of checking whether the recording medium (1) comprises more than one session.
4. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the checking steps ~~(103, 103, 32)~~ are based on data in the table of contents ~~(TOC)~~, which must not be altered to ensure compatibility with standard audio format players.
5. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the data in the table of contents ~~(TOC)~~ used for the checking steps comprises address data ~~(Q.ADR)~~ and pointer data ~~(Q.POINT)~~.
6. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the checking steps ~~(107, 40)~~ are based on data in the table of contents ~~(TOC)~~, which must not be altered to ensure compatibility with standard audio format players.
7. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the data in the table of contents ~~(TOC)~~ used for the checking steps comprises address data ~~(Q.ADR)~~ and pointer data ~~(Q.POINT)~~.
8. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of suppressing sessions other than the first session in case the format of the recording medium ~~(4)~~ is determined to be audio.

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9. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of adapting data in the table of contents (~~TOC~~) to values corresponding to the determined format of the recording medium (4).
10. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the data adapted to values corresponding to the determined format of the recording medium (4) comprise control bits (~~Q-CONTROL~~) and/or address data (~~Q-ADR~~).
11. (Currently Amended) Disc format determination module (4) for determining the format of an optical recording medium (4) comprising a table of contents (~~TOC~~) and one or more tracks, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it performs a method according to any of claims 1-10.
12. (Currently Amended) Disc format determination module according to claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it is interposed in the communication between an optical reading unit (2) and a servo controller module (5).
13. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for reading from and/or writing to optical recording media, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it performs a method according to any of claims 1-10 and/or comprises a disc format determination module (4) according to any of claims 11-12 for determining the format of an inserted recording medium (4).